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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ACCESS INCIDENT

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1725 ON SUNDAY, MAY 21, THE EMBASSY' COUNSELOR FOR PRESS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS WITNESSED AN INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY. AT ABOVE TIME, A WHITE ZHIGULI AUTOMOBILE WITH LICENSE PLATE NUMBER 55-67 MND TURNED OFF THE RING ROAD (ULITSA CHAYKOVSKOGO) AND THE DRIVER STOPPED THE VEHICLE ON THE SIDEWALK POINTED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE EMBASSY'S NORTH VEHICULAR ENTRANCE. TWO MILITIA OFFICERS RAN TOWARDS THE VEHICLE AND WERE ABLE TO GRAB THE FRONT HANDLES ON THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER DOORS OF THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER THEN PUT THE VEHICLE INTO REVERSE AND BACKED ONTO THE RING ROAD INTO HEAVY TRAFFIC. THE QUICK ACCELERATION FORCED THE OFFICERS TO LOSE THEIR GRIP. THE VEHICLE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY STRUCK ON THE PASSENGER SIDE BY A TAXI AND SPUN PARTIALLY AROUND.

2. SEVERAL MILITIA OFFICERS THEN CONVERGED ON THE VEHICLE AND ESCORTED THE DRIVER TOWARDS THE MILITIA POST LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE EMBASSY. THE ONLY OTHER PASSENGER, A WOMAN WHO WAS SEATED IN THE REAR SEAT, WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY TAKEN FROM THE VEHICLE. SEVERAL
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MINUTES LATER, THE WOMAN WAS ALSO ESCORTED TOWARDS THE MILITIA POST. NO SCUFFLE ENSUED AND NO SERIOUS INJURIES WERE OBSERVED. ADDITIONALLY, NO CONVERSATION WAS OVER-HEARD.

3. THE MAN WAS DESCRIBED AS IN HIS MID TO LATE THIRTIES, BIG BUILD WITH DARK HAIR. THE WOMAN WAS DESCRIBED AS

YOUNGER THAN HER MALE COMPANION, SLENDER AND WAS DRESSED
IN WESTERN STYLE CLOTHES. NO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
REGARDING THE VEHICLE IS AVAILABLE.

4. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE OCCUPANTS OF THE VEHICLE
ERRONEOUSLY TURNED INTO THE EMBASSY DRIVEWAY, REALIZED
THEIR ERROR AND THEN PANICKED. MATLOCK

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